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BEFORE THE DARK KNIGHT...
BRUCE WAYNE'S TRIALS BEGIN.

BATMAN - The Knight

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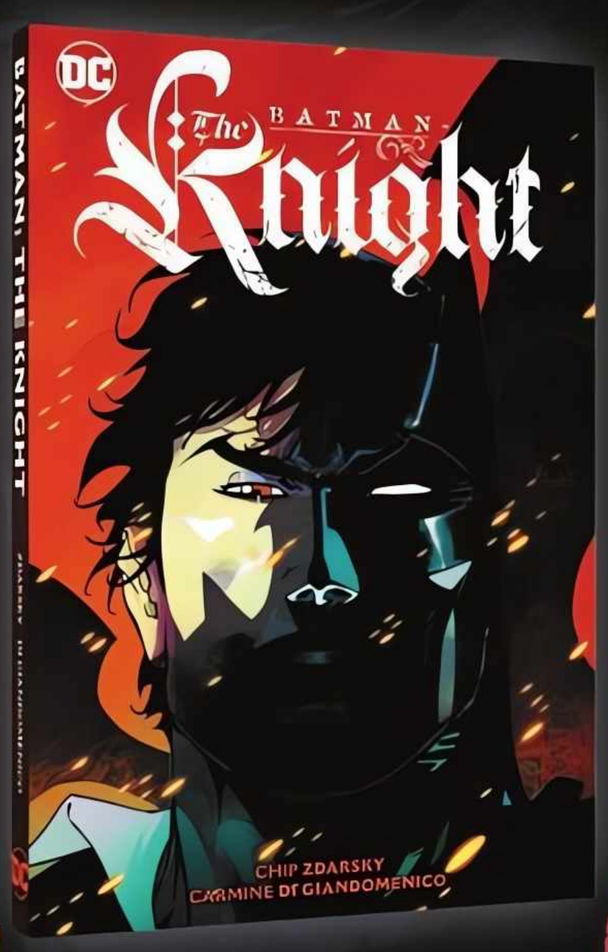

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The Gates of Arkham Asylum.

LEX LUTHOR OPENED A PORTAL TO OUR WORLD, HOPING ALL THE PEOPLE HERE ON EARTH WOULD DEVELOP POWERS LIKE OURS...BUT INSTEAD OUR WORLD IS ***ABSORBING*** THEIRS.

INNOCENT PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING, AND THE SUPER-VILLAINS ARE MERGING WITH GRIMM.

THIS IS OUR TIME.

RWBY CHAPTER SIX

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SUPERMAN CREATED BY JERRY SIEGEL AND JOE SHUSTER. BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE JERRY SIEGEL FAMILY.

PLEASE, GO WITH CATWOMAN AND USE AS MUCH DUST AS YOU NEED TO RESTORE SOME KIND OF ORDER TO THE CITY. HELP WHOEVER YOU CAN.

ALTRUISM, WITH MY SEMBLANCE?! MY. WHAT AN ***EFFECT*** YOU GIRLS HAVE.

WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE THIS TO HOLD LEX LUTHOR WHILE WE WORK OUT HOW TO RESTORE EVERYTHING.

AND CLOSE THAT PORTAL.

LOOK AT YOU. YOU TRIED TO STEAL NOT ONE BUT **TWO** WORLDS, BREAK THEM, REMAKE THEM, OVERHAUL THEM IN YOUR IMAGE AND BY YOUR **ORDER**--IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD! IT'S **OVER.**

I...CAN'T CLOSE THE PORTAL. THAT WAS NOT PART OF MY DEAL WITH **SALEM.**

AND YOU'RE MAKING A MISTAKE.

YOU'RE ON THE WRONG SIDE OF HISTORY, RUBY.

OUR WORLDS BRUSHED ONCE BEFORE, AND WHAT WE TOOK FROM ONE ANOTHER THEN WAS **STORIES.** THEY MIGHT HAVE DIFFERENT NAMES AND DIFFERENT TWISTS, BUT THEY STILL **RING TRUE.**

BUT GATHERED TOGETHER UNDER ONE IRON FIST, THE TWO WORLDS MERGE AND ABSORB, UNTIL THEY'RE ALL CHAOS AND MORASS.

LOOK AROUND YOU!

IS THIS A STORY YOU THINK WILL BE REMEMBERED?

AND IF IT WILL BE...WHY DO YOU THINK **YOU** WOULD BE ITS **HERO?**

BATMAN AND ALFRED ARE MISSING.

THEY WERE LAST SEEN INSIDE, WITH WONDER WOMAN, USING HER LASSO TO FREE THOSE POSSESSED BY THE GRIMM--

DO YOU THINK BATMAN WENT AFTER THE JOKER-NUCKELAVEE? ALFRED SAID THAT BATMAN WOULD NEVER LET THE JOKER COME TO HARM.

BATMAN SWORE TO NEVER TAKE A LIFE.

THAT INCLUDES THE JOKER, WHO IS ABSOLUTELY ***OBSESSED*** WITH HIM. LIKE BATMAN IS THE ONLY PERSON WHO MATTERS.

THE PRINCE AND THE DRAGON...

WE THOUGHT LEX WAS THE ***KING OF THE GRIMM,*** BUT WE'VE DEFEATED HIM, AND...NOTHING HAS CHANGED.

WE STILL MIGHT NEED TO MANUALLY CURE EVERYONE WHO IS POSSESSED BY THE GRIMM.

WONDER WOMAN WAS DOING WHAT SHE COULD, SOMEWHERE ON THE GROUNDS, BUT...

SCARECROW! THE FEAR TOXIN HE TRIED TO USE ON US! DO YOU THINK WE COULD USE IT ON THE POSSESSED?

MAYBE.

THERE'S TRUTH IN FEAR, ISN'T THERE? THAT'S BATMAN'S WHOLE PREMISE. ***FEAR*** TEACHES US WHAT WE HOLD DEAR AND TRUE...

RUBY...I THINK YOU'RE ONTO SOMETHING.

RMMMBL

KRRKKKK

EVERY TIME WE SUCCEED, THE RULES CHANGE.

THINGS MERGE, AND TWIST, AND SHIFT BENEATH OUR FEET--

CANON CHANGES. HISTORY IS REWRITTEN. RULES BREAK.

FAIRY TALES BECOMES REALITY, AND REALITY BECOMES FAIRY TALES.

R SO HOW DO WE GET AHEAD OF ANY OF THIS?!

WE THOUGHT IT WAS TRUTH.

THEN WE THOUGHT IT WAS FEAR.

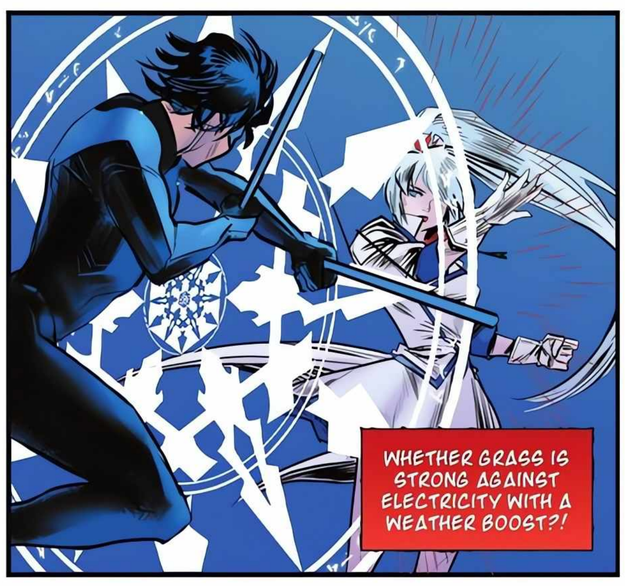
HOW MANY MORE TIMES CAN WE BE WRONG?

CUT OUT ALL THE RULES, ALL THE HISTORY, ALL THE CANON--

WHAT MAKES THESE STORIES LAST?

HOW MANY RINGS WERE FORGED, OR HOW MANY DRAGONS FLEW?

HOW MANY WIVES THE PIRATE KING SLEW, OR THE NAMES OF THE SWORDS THAT CLASHED AGAINST THE LICH-LORD?

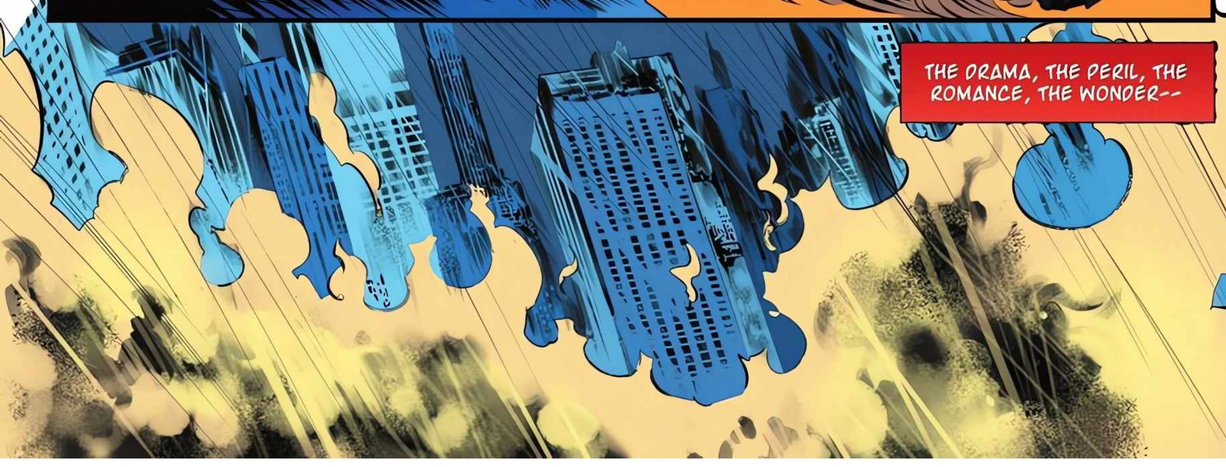

WHETHER GRASS IS STRONG AGAINST ELECTRICITY WITH A WEATHER BOOST?!

NO.
YOU DON'T REMEMBER THE RULES, THOUGH THE RULES GIVE YOU STAKES.

WHAT YOU REMEMBER IS HOW THOSE STORIES MADE YOU FEEL.

WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO BE A GIRL, TOO YOUNG, TAKING ON A WILD NEW WORLD OF MONSTERS, MAGIC, AND MAYHEM--

A GRAND ADVENTURE THAT BECAME ALL TOO REAL...


THE DRAMA, THE PERIL, THE ROMANCE, THE WONDER--

YOU REMEMBER HOW MUCH YOU WANTED TO BE SPECIAL, HOW YOU WOULD GIVE YOUR LIFE TO DO THE RIGHT THING--

THE TRUTH AND THE FEAR AND THE LOVE YOU FOUND IN THOSE STORIES.

R SO HOW DO WE GET AHEAD OF ANY OF THIS?!

YOU TRY TO BE LIKE SUPERMAN.

YOU LOVE THEM FOR THE GOOD YOU SAW IN THEM.

THE GOOD YOU SEE IN THEM.

AND YOU STRIVE TO STEP UP INTO THE PLACE THEY LEFT IN THE WORLD.

YOU MAKE A NEW STORY...

...AND HOPE IT IS WORTHY OF THE PLACE OF THE OLD.

ALFRED! THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE SAFE!

CAN YOU TAKE BATGIRL AND NIGHTWING TO SAFETY?

OF COURSE.

BUT PLEASE, BE READY TO EVACUATE, TEAM RWBY...

THE STAKES HAVE CHANGED.

WE THOUGHT LEX LUTHOR WAS THE KING OF THE GRIMM...

BUT IT WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO BE POSSESSED ON EARTH BY A GRIMM FROM REMNANT...

A MAN WITHOUT FEAR, TO WHOM EVERYTHING WAS JUST ONE SICK JOKE...

THE JOKER-NUCKELAVEE HAS HAD FREE REIGN IN ARKHAM...

...AND ON EVERYONE INSIDE OF IT.

YOU...

...I THOUGHT YOU HATED YOUR SEMBLANCE.

THIS POWER... IS NEW.

THIS POWER... I LIKE.

BATMAN... HOW?

"I HAD TO KEEP THE CITY SAFE. KEEP THE TIDE FROM RISING.

"I CAGED THE JOKER.

"THE ONE YOU CALL THE NUCKELAVEE.

"THE BOGEYMAN.

MAYBE IT WAS BEING IN THIS PLACE, IN ARKHAM, AND REALIZING THIS, AND NOT ANYWHERE ELSE, WAS THE TRUE HEART OF GOTHAM.

THE DARKNESS AND DESPAIR...

FIGHTING FOR DAYS UNDERGROUND, STEMMING THE TIDE OF GRIMM, NEVER SEEING THE SUN...

ONE OF THOSE MONSTERS EMERGED FROM THE PORTAL...AND I KNEW IT WAS MEANT FOR ME.

WE ARE ONE.

AND THERE IS NO MORE DARKNESS.

GRRRR

ONLY PERFECT CLARITY.

EVERYTHING BLACK-AND-WHITE.

RMMMMBL

AAAAAAH!

RUN IF YOU CAN, TEAM RWBY!

EVERYONE WHO BROUGHT ABOUT GOTHAM'S RUIN WILL BE LOCKED IN THIS PRISON BEFORE I'M DONE...

...AND THAT MOST ASSUREDLY INCLUDES *YOU.*

YOU SAID =PANT= WE NEED TO =PANT= SCARE THEM--

NOT JUST THAT... =GASP= WE NEED TO INFLICT THEIR WORST FEAR!

WE DON'T KNOW THESE PEOPLE! HOW CAN WE POSSIBLY--?!

WE KNOW THEIR STORIES, THOUGH.

WHAT HAVE WE SEEN?

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

"FROM THE WARRIOR QUEEN WHO GAVE US SHELTER.

"FROM THE EXILED PRINCE FROM BEYOND THE STARS.

"FROM THE DARK KNIGHT, WHO IS HIS OWN WORST ENEMY.

IT'S A STORY.

WE'RE IN A STORY.

WE'RE THEIR FAIRY TALES, AND THEY'RE OURS.

AND WHAT'S A TALE WITHOUT A JOURNEY TO THE UNDERWORLD?

WE WILL LAST.

OUR STORY WILL LAST.

WE WILL FIND A WAY OUT OF THIS.

HOW DID WE FREE THEM BEFORE?

CHEETAH, IN THE LASSO OF TRUTH, SPEAKING THE REALITY OF HER OWN DEFEAT.

CLARK AND LOIS, SEEING THE ONE THEY LOVED MOST TAKEN FROM THEM...

TRUTH, AND LOVE, AND FEAR...

GRIMM ARE CREATURES OF FEAR...

I KNOW WHAT WE HAVE TO DO.

"WHAT I HAVE TO DO."

QUIET, NOW...

NO, RUBY...WE CAN'T.

THIS IS IT...THE DARKEST PIT OF THIS HELL.

...AND HERE'S ITS DEVIL.

TEAM RWBY...

...YOUR OWN GRIMM ARE WAITING.

R WHY DO THESE STORIES SURVIVE?

THE GIRL WHO LEARNED MODERATION THROUGH TEMPERANCE.

THE GIRL STRUGGLING BETWEEN POWER AND RESPONSIBILITY.

THE GIRL LEARNING THAT FORGIVING OTHERS IS LESS IMPORTANT THAN FORGIVING HERSELF.

THE LOST GIRL IN THE WOODS...

...STRAYING FROM THE PATH...

SLICE

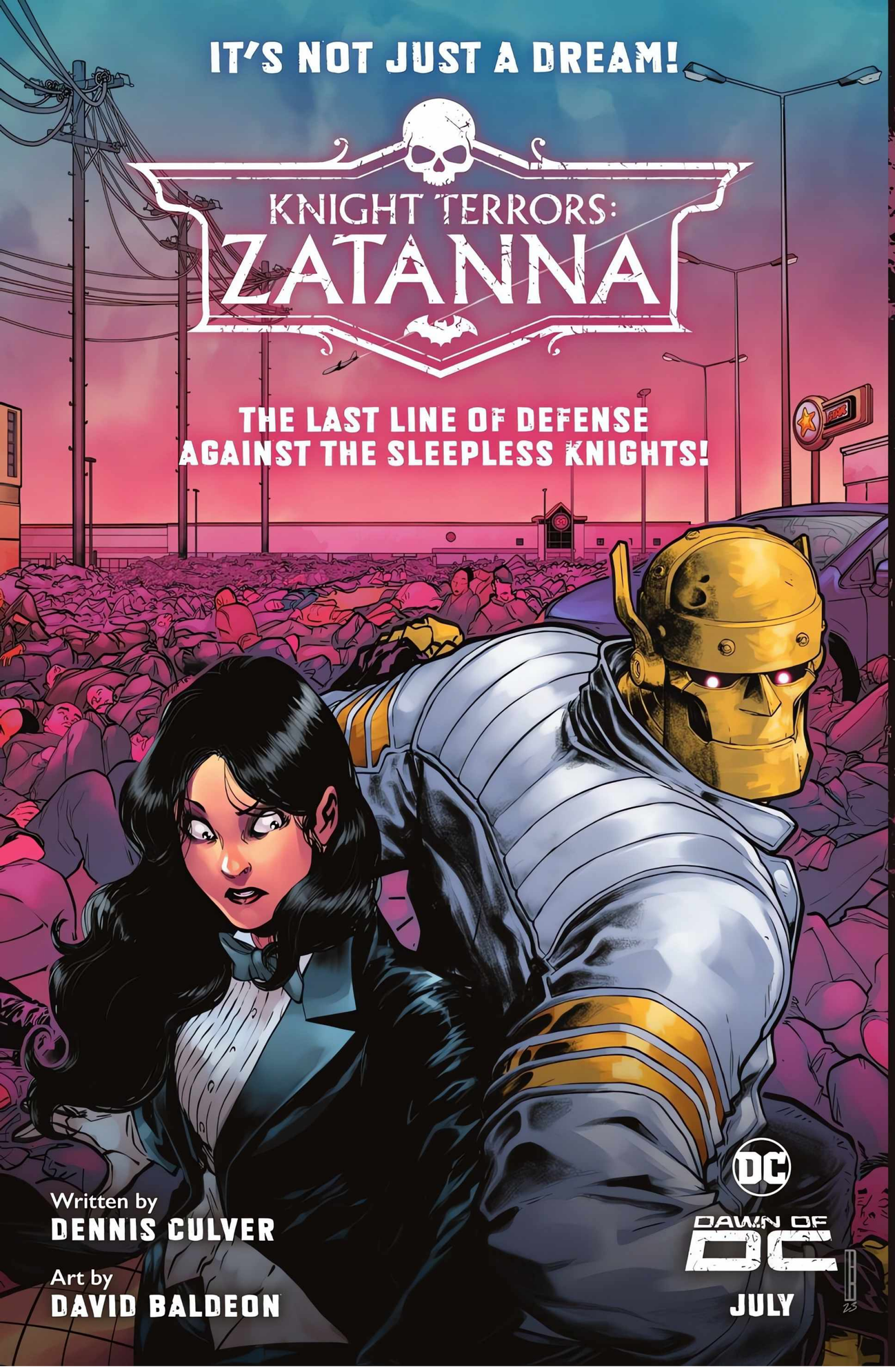
...SURE TO END IN THE BELLY OF A WOLF...

...AND LEARNING TO CUT HER OWN WAY OUT.

BATMAN...

...THIS IS YOUR *FAIRY TALE.*

NEXT: THE BATTLE FOR BATMAN'S SOUL!



KNIGHT TERRORS:
PUNCHLINE

STUCK IN HER OWN HORROR MOVIE WITH NO WAY OUT!

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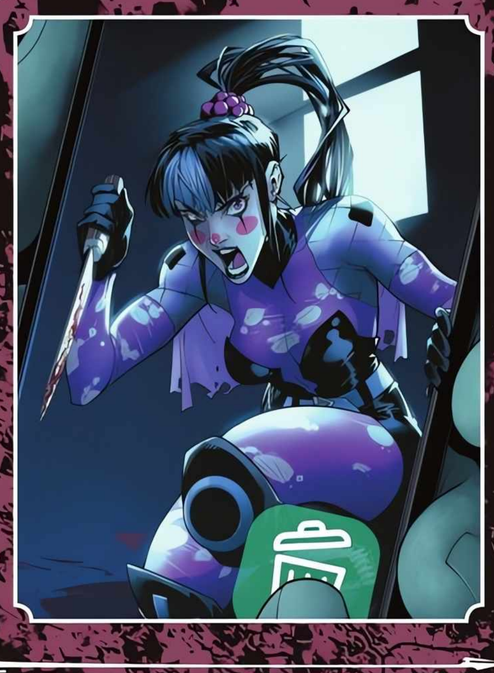

KNIGHT TERRORS:
ANGEL BREAKER

MEET THE WAKING WORLD'S FINAL GIRL!

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KNIGHT TERRORS:
RAVAGER

CAN ROSE WILSON SAVE...HERSELF?!

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KNIGHT TERRORS

IT'S NOT JUST A DREAM!

Knight Terrors: Night's End #1
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- ■ *Knight Terrors: Black Adam* #2
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- ■ *Knight Terrors: Ravager* #2
- ■ *Knight Terrors: The Joker* #2

AUGUST 8

- ■ *Knight Terrors* #3
- ■ *Knight Terrors: Green Lantern* #2
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- ■ *Knight Terrors: Shazam!* #2
- ■ *Knight Terrors: The Flash* #2
- ■ *Knight Terrors: Zatanna* #2

AUGUST 15

- ■ *Knight Terrors: Catwoman* #2
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- ■ *Knight Terrors: Punchline* #2
- ■ *Knight Terrors: Superman* #2
- ■ *Knight Terrors: Wonder Woman* #2

AUGUST 22

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- ■ *Knight Terrors: Angel Breaker* #2
- ■ *Knight Terrors: Detective Comics* #2
- ■ *Knight Terrors: Harley Quinn* #2
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AUGUST 28

- ■ *Knight Terrors: Night's End* #1

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